

WINTER DRIVING

One of the leading causes of death and injuries during winter storms is **transportation accidents**. Driving in winter weather takes extra skill, time and caution. Vehicle and road capabilities are greatly reduced and call for constant driving awareness and attention. Here are some winter driving recommendations from **The American Red Cross** which could save your life.

✓ **Have your car(s) winterized before the winter storm season.**

Keeping your car(s) in good condition will decrease your chance of being stranded in cold weather. Check, and repair as necessary, your battery, antifreeze, wipers and windshield washer fluid, lights, heater, defroster, and tires.

✓ **If you have a cell phone or two-way radio available for your use, keep the battery charged and keep it with you whenever traveling in winter weather.**

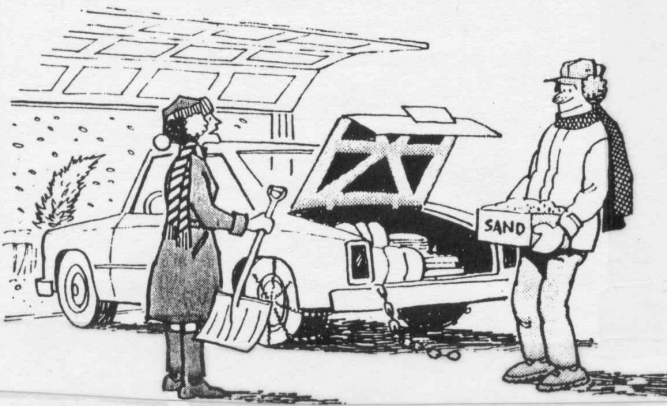
✓ **Keep a windshield scraper and small broom in your car for ice and snow removal.**

✓ **Put together a disaster supplies kit for the trunk of each car used by members of your household.** The kit at a minimum should include blankets, extra clothing, non-perishable food and water, flashlight, first aid kit and a bright piece of cloth for outside notification and identification. Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.

✓ **Plan long trips carefully.** Listen to weather radio, local radio/TV or call the state transportation department for the latest road conditions. Plan to travel during daylight and, if possible, take at least one other person. Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. Be aware of sleet, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and dense fog, which can make driving very hazardous.

DID YOU KNOW ?

IF YOU DRIVE IN SNOW, ANTICIPATE BEING MAROONED.
A WINTER STORM SURVIVAL KIT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE.
THE WISE AVOID DRIVING DURING WINTER STORMS.



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Kansas: 800-585-ROAD (7623)

KS Turnpike: 785-266-4135

KDOT Internet: www.kanroad.org

Iowa: 515-288-1047

Nebraska: 402-471-4533

Missouri: 800-222-6400

Colorado: 877-315-1111



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